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Public Hearing Held on Proposed Tobacco-Free Environment Policy

Period for public comment remains open for seven days

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Department of Administration held a public hearing on the County's proposed rule and regulation requiring County property to be tobacco-free. The hearing was held Monday, December 5, 2011 at the Harford County Government Administration Building in Bel Air.

Less than 10 individuals took the opportunity to address representatives of the Administration regarding the proposed policy. However several citizens and employees have submitted written comments regarding the proposal.

Subsequently, the Director of Administration Mary Chance is holding open the period of public comment for an additional seven (7) days, through December 14, 2011, to receive input from citizens, employees and those who will be affected by the proposed tobacco-free environment policy.

Those wishing to submit comments may do so by emailing the Office of the County Executive at CountyExecutiveOffice@harfordcountymd.gov or by contacting the Office of Constituent Services at 410-638-3511, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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